

RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN DENTISTRY

MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

16 May 2012

Board Members in Attendance: Board Members Absence:

Christine Benoit, DMD, Acting Chair Maureen Ross, RDH, BS

Henry Levin, DMD Susan Perlini, RDH, BS, Secretary

Joseph G. Samartano, Jr., DDS Carleton Cappuccino, DMD

Thomas Bertrand, MPH

Robert Bartro, DMD

Robert Ricci, Ed D

Louis Marciano

Staff Members in Attendance: Others in attendance:

**Linda Phillips, Board Administrator Kerri Friel, RI Dental Assistants
Association**

Catherine A. Cordy, RPH Valerie Celentano, RI Dental Association

Linda Esposito

Linda Julian

Bruce McIntyre, JD

Establishment of Quorum: A meeting of the Board of Examiners in Dentistry was held on the above date at the RI Department of Health, Beck Conference Room, Providence, Rhode Island. A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 8:40 a.m.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Dr. Samartano and seconded by Dr. Levin to accept the OPEN minutes. The board voted to unanimously approve the OPEN minutes as presented. Motion carried.

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Dental and Dental Hygiene Licensure

The names of those individuals qualifying for licensure during this timeframe were presented to the board and unanimously approved.

Legislation Updates:

- **Bill H7078 concerning the addition of certified dental assistant to the Dental Board –The HEALTH liaison, Dave Heckman, has the boards letter of support. The original bill is presently on the floor for discussion. The importance of adding a certified dental assistant to the board was again stressed. Updates to the board regarding this bill will continue.**

AADB Citizen of the Year for 2012:

- **Dr. Benoit mentioned that nominees must be a member of the AADB in order to be considered by the award selection committee.**

Mid-year Meeting of the AADA:

- **Dr. Benoit attended the mid-year meeting of the AADA which was held in Chicago, IL on April 21-23, 2012 and gave a brief overview of the 2 day session. She explained how informative it was and how interesting it was to learn about many topics, such as the problem with overprescribing of medications. There will be a webinar tomorrow on this topic for anyone interested and a link will be sent to board members later today in order to sign up. Cathy Cordy spoke briefly about the upcoming PMP program that will soon be in place**

that will monitor this issue.

Anesthesia Permits/Dental Facility Inspections:

- Cathy Cordy explained the category change that has occurred when applying for anesthesia permits and the confusion with “general anesthesia/deep sedation”, “moderate sedation”, and “minimal sedation”. The question was whether or not facilities are currently being inspected and the importance of doing so post-licensing. Dr. Samartano stated that the inspections of facilities were stopped long ago. Currently, Dr. Samartano makes sure they have the proper equipment but does not do a site visit. Inspections are done when complaints are received.

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Cathy Cordy mentioned that inspections are especially important now that the standards have changed. There is a need to develop a system to get this done. Since there is no inspector to do this, one option might be to have a “train the trainer” system or possibly have the State dentist assist.

Launch of AADB Assessment Services Program:

- A handout was given regarding the launch of a new program which would provide an independent expert witness in disciplinary case review, if needed. This is worthy of pursuing and having it available to the board if necessary. We will get more details and look into the cost to join.

Revised Dental application:

- Provided in each board members folder is a copy of the new dental license application, reflecting the new categories of “general anesthesia/deep sedation”, “moderate sedation”, and “minimal sedation”.

Adjourn OPEN Session:

At this time, a motion was made to adjourn the OPEN Session and enter into the CLOSED Executive Session for the purpose of discussing disciplinary matters pursuant to the applicable exceptions of the “Open Meeting Law”, so called Chapter 42-46-5 sub-division (1) and (4) of the General Laws.

Upon motion by Lou Marcicano, seconded by Dr. Ricci, the Board entered into CLOSED session at 9:42 a.m. At this time Ms. Celentano and Ms. Friel excused themselves from the meeting.

Returned to OPEN Session:

The Board returned to OPEN Session at 11:35 am.

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Sealing of the CLOSED Executive Minutes

A motion was made to seal the minutes of the CLOSED Executive Session pursuant to Section 42-46 (1) and (2). Upon motion of Dr. Samartano, seconded by Dr. Levin, the Board voted unanimously to seal the CLOSED minutes of that meeting as presented.

The next meeting of the Board will be held 20 June 2012 at 8:30 am in the Beck Conference Room.

Upon motion of Dr. Levin and seconded by Dr. Ricci, it was unanimously VOTED by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Phillips

**Linda Phillips, Board Administrator
Rhode Island Department of Health**